# POSITIVITY, VALUATIONS, AND QUADRATIC FORMS <br> KONSTANZ, 1-6 OCTOBER 2009 

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

## Getting around

If you are staying at a hotel, be sure to ask for your bus ticket ("Bodensee-Gästepass") at the reception. If you are staying at a holiday apartment, you should find your bus tickets ready in the apartment. If you are staying in one of the guesthouses of the university, the Gästepass is unfortunately not available for you, so that you will have to buy bus tickets, either from ticket machines at the bus stop (if available) or from the driver upon getting on the bus.

Busses number 9 and number 11 terminate right at the main entrance of the university. Bus number 4 takes you to the back side of the university, the bus stop is Egg (see map on the next page).
Important note: Busses number 9 and 11 will not run on Saturday, even if the schedule for number 9 will say otherwise at a first glance, because 3 October is a public holiday. Instead, you will have to take bus number 4 from the station (Bahnhof) or from Zähringerplatz.

The closest bus stops and times for the morning session are as follows:

- Hotel Hirschen: number 9A/B from Bodanplatz at 8:31 or 8:46, arriving at the university at 8:48 or 9:00. The stop is on your side of the road.
- Hotel Petershof: number 9A/B from Zähringerplatz at 8:38 or 8:53, arriving at the university at 8:48 or 9:0o. Walk up Petershausener Straße across the railway up to the intersection at Zähringerplatz. The stop is on the opposite side of the road.
- Hotel Schiff am See, Guesthouse Schiffstraße, and Apartment "Ferienwohnung am See", Haltnauer Weg: number 4 from Allmannsdorf at 8:20 or 8:50, arriving at the university at 8:24 or 8:54. Walk up Schiffstraße to the bus stop on your side of the road ( $5-10$ minutes). Alternatively, you can take bus number 1 from the ferry port (Staad/Autofähre) at 8:10 or 8:40 up to Allmannsdorf (one stop) and then change to number 4 (other side of the road).
- Hotel Barbarossa: number 9A/B from Bahnhof at 8:33 or 8:48, arriving at the university at 8:48 or 9:00.
- Guesthouse Eichhornstraße: number 9A/B from Zähringerplatz at 8:38 or 8:53, arriving at the university at 8:48 or 9:00. Walk to Zähringerplatz ( $5-10$ minutes). The stop is on your side of the road.
- Guesthose Friedrichshöhe: number 9B from Salzberg at 8:40, arriving at the university at 8:48. Alternatively, number 4 from Salzberg at 8:17 or 8:47, arriving at the university at 8:24 or 8:54. The stop is on the opposite side of the road.
- Apartment " 8 im Paradies", Wallgutstraße: number 9A from Brühlstraße at 8:11 or 8:41, arriving at the university at 8:30 or 9:00.
- Apartment "Langenbach", Wollmatinger Straße: number 9A from Friedrichstraße at 8:25 or 8:55, arriving at the university at 8:29 or 9:00. The stop is on the "uphill" side of the road. Alternatively, number 9 (A or B) from Zähringerplatz (see above).
- Apartment "Frey", Lorettosteig: number 9B from Tannenhof at 8:41, arriving at the university at 8:48, or bus number 4. Alternatively, number 4 from An der Steig at 8:19 or 8:49, arriving at the university at 8:24 or 8:54. The stops are on your side of the road.
- Apartment "Bauer", Stifterstraße: number 11 from Gutenbergweg at $8: 28$ or 8:37, arriving at the university at $8: 33$ or $8: 42$. The stop is on the opposite side of the road.
If you come to the university by car, follow signs to Parkplatz Nord. You have to buy a parking ticket from the ticket machine.

- The lectures will take place in A 704.

From the main entrace (bus stop number 9 and 11, and parking area north): Straight ahead through the main hall, past the campus café (to your left) and the bookshop (to your right), then up the stairs.
From Egg (bus stop number 4): Take the footbridge across the road, then up to the back side of the university. Follow signs to $G$ and enter the building at G 1 , then take elevator or stairs up to G 4 . Take a right through the glass door following the sign to $A$, then straight ahead past the copiers and the library entrance, up the stairs into the main hall and up another stair to the lecture room.

- Lunch will be served on $\mathrm{K}_{7}$ on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday and at restaurant Arche on Thursday and Saturday. The Caféteria is open from 7:45 am to $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ on Thursday, Monday and Tuesday, and from 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday. It is closed on Saturday.
From the lecture room: Down the stairs into the main hall, straight ahead in the direction of the main entrance, turn right before the Campus Caé, walk past the Service Center and the shop, then up the stairs to K7 and the Caféteria, or down the stairs to Arche.
- Computers are located in V 203.

From the lecture room: Down the stairs into the main hall, then through the door behind the stairs (past the lockers), take a left across the yard and enter the V building. Then take elevator or stairs down to V 2 . The door to V 203 can be opened by entering our user name and password (see below) at the terminal to the right of the door.

- The entrance to the library is on B4.

From the lecture room: Down the stairs into the main hall, then down another stair to B4, the entrance is to your left. Math books and journals are found in section S, level 2, in the back of the left part of the library.

- two Seminar rooms, C 421 and C422, have been reserved for those who might want to work in groups for some time. Please ask one of our assistants for the keys. These rooms are equipped with blackboards. Unfortunately, there is no wireless LAN.
From the main hall, follow signs to $C$. When you get to $C_{4}$, you will find the rooms behind the glass doors at the end of the corridor, at the bottom of the stairs.
- Other facilities in the main hall: cash machines (next to the Service Center), a small shop selling office supplies and magazines, a bookstore, a Deutsche Bahn ticket machine and various vending machines.


## Computers

For those who bring their own laptops, wireless LAN is available in the lecture room and on level A6.

Computer terminals with internet access and printers can be found in V 203 (see above). Please note that since all participants share one account, you should delete any personal files that you download to these computers when you are done, or they will become available to other participants that use the same computer after you.

Account name and password will be emailed to you, and will also be announced on the first day.

## Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will take place on Saturday, 7:30pm at Restaurant Konzil, Hafenstraße 2.

## Visit to Reichenau Island on Sunday

The nearby Reichenau Island is a World Heritage Site famous for its early medieval monastery. Everybody is invited to visit the island with us on Sunday. We will go there by boat from the port of Konstanz at 11:12 am.

## Shops

Please note that all shops will be closed on Saturday (because of a public holiday) and Sunday. This will not affect bars and restaurants.
Most supermarkets are open until 8 pm . A supermarket that is open until 10 pm is found at Zähringerplatz (on the way back by bus for most of you.)

## Swimming in Lake Constance

It is autumn not summer, but one week before the conference, weather is still sunny and fairly warm, the average water temperature of the lake is just below 19 degrees celsius. While there is of course no guarantee that this will last through the conference, you might want to bring along bathing clothes. The university is close to the beach so that it is possible, for example, to go there and come back between lunch and the afternoon session.

